

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Unmanned Aircraft System and Model Aircraft

Student and staff safety are a priority for the Snohomish School District Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is also committed to providing all students and staff with technology-based learning opportunities. The use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or drones is a privilege which comes with responsibilities that must be adhered to.

Definitions

An unmanned aircraft (UA) is an aircraft that is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft. An Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) or “drone” is an unmanned aircraft (UA) and associated elements (including communication links and the components that control the unmanned aircraft) that are required for the operator to operate the unmanned aircraft safely and efficiently.

Approval Process

Authorized use of drones may be approved as a component of science, computer science, technology, and aviation-related educational curricula relating to flight, aerodynamics, and airplane design and construction, or for course work in other areas such as television, film production, photography or the arts. Any staff member who wishes to use drones and/or UAS in their curricular program must provide specific educational objectives and obtain prior written approval from the Superintendent or designee.

Drones and Unmanned Aircraft Systems, and other like vehicles, which are not operated for the purposes of district programs or activities may not be operated on or above district property during school hours, school activities, or any other school function, or any organized function of a third-party user group without the prior written permission of the Superintendent or designee.

Any individual or entity who receives pre-approval to use or possess a UAS or model aircraft on district property or at a district-sponsored event must abide by district policies and procedures, any special restrictions put in place by the person granting pre-approval, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 and its implementing regulations, and any laws and regulations adopted by state and local authorities.

The Superintendent or designee may require those using or possessing a UAS or model aircraft to: (a) provide proof of insurance; (b) enter into an agreement which holds the district harmless from any resultant claims or harms to individuals and damage to property; and (c) any additional requirements as determined appropriate by the district.

The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures governing the use of drones and UAS in any of the educational offerings, programs, or activities in the Snohomish School District.

Cross References: 4200 Safe and Orderly Learning Environment
 4260 Use of School Facilities
 4310 District Relationships with Law Enforcement and other
 Government Agencies
 5281 Disciplinary Action and Discharge

Legal References: FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018, Pub. L. No. 115-254, Sections 341,
 345, 349 (49 U.S.C. § 44809)
 Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 107

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